

**Remarks/Arguments:**

This Amendment adds no new claims, and is provided to cancel claims 5 and 16, and amend claims 1, 6, 7, 13 and 15. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17 will be pending. Claims 1, 13 and 15 are independent.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of claims 5-7 and 16. The Examiner has objected to claims 5-7 and 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 13 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 5. The Applicant has also amended independent claim 15 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 16. Claims 5 and 16 have been cancelled, and the Applicant has amended the antecedent basis of claims 6 and 7 in view of the cancellation of claim 5.

Accordingly, the Applicant believes that claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17 are now in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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